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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MPOL, NATO, IT  
SUBJ: US-ITALIAN DEFENSE EQUIPMENT MOU

REF: STATE 157071

1. ACCORDING TO MFA SOURCE INTERMINISTERIAL MEETING IS PLANNED FOR JULY 11 TO DISCUSS MOU. DRAFTING OF PROPOSED BODY OF MEMORANDUM WILL BE RESPONSIBILITY OF ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE MFA. A DRAFT OF PROPOSED PREAMBLE HAS BEEN PREPARED IN MFA'S NATO OFFICE AND FOLLOWS CLOSELY LANGUAGE OF US/UK MOU WITH SOME ANODYNE AMENDMENTS DRAWN FROM "TWO-WAY STREET" LANGUAGE OF SECTION 802 C OF US DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT. IN ADDITION DRAFT TEXT CONTAINS VAGUE REFERENCE TO COMPATIBILITY OF INSTRUMENT WITH NATO AND IEPG POLICIES.

2. THE JULY 11 MEETING WILL ALSO ADDRESS PROPRIETY OF SIGNATURE OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT BY THE PM. THE MFA INCLINATION IS THAT THE MOU SHOULD FOLLOW THE GENERAL PATTERN OF THOSE REACHED WITH OTHER NATO MEMBERS AND SHOULD BE SIGNED BY DEFENSE MINISTERS. IN ANY EVENT, IN THE VIEW OF OUR MFA SOURCES THE AGREEMENT SHOULD BE CLEARLY SEEN PUBLICLY AS A PRODUCT OF THE ANDREOTTI VISIT.

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3. OUR MFA SOURCES UNDERSTAND THAT WE WILL WANT TO ALTER THE UK MOU MODEL IN SOME WAYS AND WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING THE LANGUAGE OF OUR AMENDMENTS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION IN ORDER TO SPEED THE PROCESS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING THE "AMENDMENTS" IN QUESTION TO PASS TO THE MFA IN TIME FOR THEIR

USE AT THEIR JULY 11 MEETING.GARDNER

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